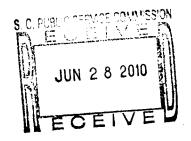
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June 25, 2010

Jocelyn Boyd, Interim Chief Clerk/Administrator SC Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

**RE: Annual Report of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers** 

Dear Mr. Terrini:

In accordance with Commission Regulations 103-690.1(B) and as modified by PSC Order No. 2007-657, FTC Communications, Inc., dba FTC Wireless, files the attached declarations and responses with the South Carolina Public Service Commission as required by June 30, 2010. Due to the sensitive nature of some of the information provided in the report, such information is marked as confidential and provided under separate seal. I request the Commission to treat the sealed information confidentially as such information may be used by competitors to their advantage in targeting marketing areas specifically identified in our business plan. A copy of this report has been filed under separate cover with the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, as required under 103-690.1B.(a).

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Nesmith

External Affairs & Chief Regulatory Officer

**Enclosure** 

CC: Mr. Dukes Scott, Executive Director – SC ORS

## PSC Annual Report of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Amended Rules and Regulations 103-690.1

Year Ending December 31, 2009

In accordance with Docket No. 2006-37-C, Order No. 2007-657 which proposed certain modifications to SC Regulation 103-690.1(B), which more specifically detailed annual reporting requirements of common carriers designated under 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2) as an eligible telecommunications carrier after January 1, 2007, FTC Communications submits the following declarations to the South Carolina Public Service Commission in response to the ten (10) requirements under the proposed modifications. The presentation format following is in the form of listing each requirement separately, in bold print, followed by FTC Communications' response in normal print:

(1) a progress report on its two-year service quality improvement plan, including maps detailing its progress toward meeting its plan targets, an explanation of how much universal service support was received and how it was used to improve signal quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled. The information shall be submitted at the wire center level. Additionally, an updated forward-looking two-year plan shall be filed annually;

FTCC began receiving USF funding as of the March 28, 2008, and as a result of the funding receipts kicked off its first year capital project ending December 31, 2008, as reported in last years annual report. The attached 2009 USAC Disbursement Summary (Confidential Exhibit 1) represents funding FTCC received in 2009. USF receipts to date have been utilized to support the completion of the first year capital projects of FTCC as indicated in the attached (Confidential Exhibit 2), as well as to cover operational expenses required by the associated towers. Such operational expenses include landline facility infrastructure to connect these towers to the serving wireless switch and local access lines, contract maintenance expenses, monthly switching costs and RTU (right to use fees), partnership allocated expenses, and back office support. These expenses average out to over \$190,000 per cell site. The first year capital projects were presented in the original ETC application proceeding based upon a July – June fiscal year as FTCC is required to budget its projects. An updated forward-looking two-year plan is also attached (Confidential Exhibit 3). Project completions and new two-year projections will be reported by fiscal year in order to comply with FTCC's fiscal year budgets.

(2) detailed information on any outage, as defined in 47C.F.R.~4.5, of at least 30 minutes in duration for each service area in which an eligible telecommunications carrier is designated for any facilities it owns, operates, leases, or otherwise utilizes that potentially affect (a) at least ten percent of the end users served in a designated service area; or (b) a 911 special facility, as defined in 47 C.F.R. ~4.5(e). Specifically, the eligible

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FTCC also addressed this issue in its ETC application proceeding in stating that it is committed to the final additional FCC requirement to provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other ETC is providing equal access within the service area (Hearing Tr. p. 20-21). As a requirement of this annual filing, FTCC once again certifies that it acknowledges its commitment to this very important requirement.

(9) the number of Lifeline customers and the number of customers that received Link Up assistance as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the prior year; and

As of December 31, 2009, FTCC has three wireless customers receiving Lifeline Assistance.

(10) copies of responses to the Lifeline Verification Survey or Certification filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company on August 31 of each year.

FTCC filed the required annual Lifeline Certification with the Universal Service Company prior to the August 31, 2009 required filing date. Due to the limited number of Lifeline customers at that time that had just recently been certified, no reverification or recertification had been performed. FTCC currently has a process in place to reverify eligibility of 100% of its Lifeline Customers, and has done so in this calendar year. Results will be filed in its August 31, 2010 Annual Lifeline Certification to USAC.

As of this date, June 25, 2010 Information as presented completed by:

Ronald K. Nesmith

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. External Affairs & Chief Regulatory Officer